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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING A FLUID)	
ACTUATED FUEL TANK ISOLATION VALVE)	

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

Copies of patent and published application documents are cited on the attached PTO Form 1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached forms.

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Respectfully submitted,

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